



City of Middletown

The Heart of Louisville

City Officials

2019–2020

Mayor J. Byron Chapman



Commissioner Mark Stigers

Commissioner Ron Wolf

Commissioner Paul Zimmerman

Commissioner Amy Oliver

The doors are always open in the
City of Middletown.

We are here to help you, the residents
and businesses.

From the Desk of Mayor J. Byron Chapman

J. Byron Chapman, Mayor

Thanks to you, the residents & businesses of the City of Middletown, we are a growing community with an abundance of shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities! We, here in the city, have a can-do attitude. When we have issues, we work together to fix them, and then we move forward together. Your four elected officials on the City Commission: Amy Oliver, Ron Wolf, Mark Stigers, and Paul Zimmerman, are some of the best, most committed, and hardest-working individuals in our community. All of us only want what's best for our citizens, our neighborhoods, and our city.

As Jimmy Carter once said:

"Little by little we can, and we must rebuild our confidence. We can spend until we empty our treasuries, and we may summon all the wonders of science. But we can succeed only if we tap our greatest resources – America's people, America's values, and America's confidence"

This is a quote I have come to love and live by. It takes all of us working together to make a better neighborhood, a better community, a better city, and most importantly, a better America.

Have a great year and let us know if we can be of help to you in any way.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Spring is in the air and people are getting out to tend to their lawns and property. This can lead to unwanted guests helping themselves to your tools. I would like to remind everyone to keep their property properly secured when not in use. Another helpful tip is to record the serial numbers of any household items you may have including tools, electronics, and firearms and store that information in a safe place. If you should become a victim of theft, those serial numbers might be the clue that solves the case and may lead to an arrest. Another helpful tip is if you see something out of the ordinary, or you catch something on your home security cameras, let us know. This also might be the clue that helps our detectives break a case and bring those responsible to justice.

We have achieved a goal that I set out to accomplish at the end of 2019. The Middletown Police Department has been awarded its accreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Less than 20% of all law enforcement agencies in Kentucky have reached this level of achievement. Another goal that we have reached is to provide police services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We started our late watch patrols in late February, and I hope you have seen our Officers in your neighborhoods and around your businesses.

As we continue to grow, we will be expanding our community outreach programs. Programs that we have up and running include our Coffee with a Cop that will soon grow to Cones (ice cream) with a Cop and other ways to enjoy a conversation with your local officers while enjoying a tasty treat. We are reaching out to our seniors to have conversations about better ways to identify and protect yourself against financial scams. We are partnering with several local churches to better help those in our community that may be in need.

Lastly, as I would like to bring to everyone's attention a growing problem in our community – Traffic. As the City of Middletown grows so does the number of people using our roadways, most of those roadways

were designed in the 1950's and were not thought of then to support the numbers of people driving in 2020.

So, it is important to watch your speeds and abide by the traffic control signs such as stop signs, red lights, and road hazards ahead. We make numerous collision reports on our roadways that would have been prevented if only the driver would have slowed down and/or paid attention to the traffic, rather than their cellphone.

As always, I welcome all your comments or suggestions about how we are doing or issues that we may be able to correct in our city. Please give us a call at (502) 365-1900 or email us at info@middletownkypd.org.



Chief Rob Herman

11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.

502-365-1900

middletownkypd.org

24/7 Coverage Begins With New Hires

In February, the Middletown Police Department hired 5 more officers for a total of 14. We are now a 24/7 coverage department. All of these experienced and high-quality men are retired from LMPD. You may have already seen them patrolling your neighborhoods and businesses, now we would like to introduce them to you.



Sgt. Kenneth Christian

Sgt. Christian retired from LMPD where he worked in the 6th Division as a Traffic officer until joining the Traffic Unit. Sgt. Christian served on a variety of teams, boards, the Honor Guard Unit and also as an instructor teaching collision for patrol to new recruits at the training unit. While in the Traffic Unit, Kenneth was also a collision reconstructionist and DOT Certified Officer.

Sgt. Brian Roggenkamp

Sgt. Roggenkamp retired from LMPD's Major Crimes Division as a Detective in the Financial Crimes Unit. He had been assigned as a Task Force Officer for the United States Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force. Within the Financial Crimes Unit and USSS Task force, his duties included investigating in depth financial crimes while working hand in hand with Federal Agents ultimately presenting findings to Commonwealth Attorneys' or United States Attorney's Office for prosecution.



Officer Chad Ledington

Officer Ledington retired from LMPD where he worked in the 8th Division and the 7th Division as a patrol officer and later became a Traffic Car in the 7th Division. Officer Ledington became a Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Police Instructor and taught at the LMPD Police Academy for approximately 2 years. While on LMPD, Officer Ledington served on the Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) as a hazardous materials and radiological technician.

Officer Dale McCormack

Officer McCormack grew up in the Middletown Area attending Middletown Elementary and Eastern High School. Officer McCormack retired from LMPD's 3rd Division after serving 27 years. He moved to Charleston, South Carolina and worked for the Charleston Police Department as a NCIC Duty Officer until being hired by the Middletown Police Department.



Officer Ken Tanner

Officer Tanner retired from LMPD from one of only four accredited training academies in the state of Kentucky. He held positions as a full-time in-service, basic training and firearms training instructor at the Louisville Metro Police Training Academy until his retirement. Officer Tanner is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Historic Middletown

COMMISSIONER MARK STIGERS

Jefferson Marders and Family

Jefferson Marders was born in Jefferson County Kentucky June 12, 1803, and lived his entire life here. When a young man he was a farmer in the Middletown area and later operated a mercantile business for several years in the area of the Benjamin Head house property. His father, Nathan Marders (1772 - 1862) was an early pioneer from Virginia. Jefferson Marders married the daughter of Joseph Glass, Miss Ruth A. Glass who was born in Middletown July 30, 1814. Jefferson and Ruth had one child Eliza Jane Marders who was born September 23, 1837. Jefferson Marders owned the property at 11507 Main Street as well as land on Pepper Way which is now patio homes between North Madison Avenue and Bliss Avenue. Ruth Marders died June 29, 1859 and Jefferson Marders died October 11, 1876, both are buried in the Historic Middletown Cemetery on Old Harrods Creek Road. Eliza Jane Marders married Dr. E.A. France of Virginia in 1853. Together they had one child, Mary A. France. Dr. France died in 1855. Eliza Jane France then married James R. Hite in 1857 and together they had three children, William, Albert and Hallie. Albert would later marry and have a child, Jane Glass Hite, who Hite Elementary School is named for. Jane Glass Hite is buried in the Middletown Historic Cemetery.

Care to learn more about the Marders, Hite and other founding families, come visit the Historic Middletown Museum located at 11700 Main Street in the Community Center 10:00 - 3:00 on Thursdays and 1:00 - 4:00 on Saturdays. You can also follow us on Facebook at Historic Middletown Inc/Middletown Museum.

◆ Museum Moment ◆

Middletown Museum 11700 Main Street

The museum volunteers appreciate all our visitors and want to say "thanks" for stopping by. We enjoy interacting with all of you, learning something new and helping you with any questions you have about the Middletown area and history. Our visitors have a phrase that brings joy to our ears when they say "This is really a great museum. Thanks for keeping so much of Middletown's history available for individuals to see and research."

As a reminder, we are always happy to scan (into our files) your family photos and scenes of Middletown through the years to capture the by-gone memories of your family or Middletown itself.

Museum Hours

Thursday: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

RECYCLE PICK UP

North of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, May 7
Thursday, May 21
Thursday, June 4
Thursday, June 18
Thursday, July 2
Thursday, July 16
Thursday, July 30
Thursday, Aug. 13
Thursday, Aug. 27

South of Shelbyville Road

Thursday, May 14
*Friday, May 29
Thursday, June 11
Thursday, June 25
Thursday, July 9
Thursday, July 23
Thursday, Aug 6
Thursday, Aug 20

MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Upcoming Events Check our website for details!

May 2020

- 5/8/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.
- 5/11/20 - Annual Golf Scramble at Lake Forest County Club, 14000 Landmark Dr. \$115 per player. Tee off: 9:00 a.m.
- 5/14/20 - City Meeting, Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd @ 6:00 p.m.
- 5/18/20 - Be Our Guest at Breakfast Networking Event from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. @ Middletown City Hall
- 5/21/20 - Chamber Board meeting - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. @ Chamber Office
- 5/22/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA
- 5/26/20 - Leads at Lightning Speed, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Middletown City Hall, Reservations req.
- 5/26/20 - Happy Hour Networking Event from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Details TBA.

June 2020

- 6/11/20 - Annual Chamber Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Guest Speaker is Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, President of the University of Louisville. This event will be held in Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street. Cost is \$20 to attend.
- 6/11/20 - City Meeting, Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd @ 6:00 p.m.
- 6/12/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.
- 6/18/20 - Chamber Board meeting - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. @ Chamber office
- 6/18/20 - First Annual Louisville Bats Outing - Details TBA.
- 6/23/20 - Happy Hour Networking Event from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Details TBA.
- 6/26/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.

July 2020

- 7/9/20 - City Meeting, Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7/10/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.
- 7/13/20 - Be Our Guest at Breakfast Networking Event from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. @ Middletown City Hall
- 7/16/20 - Chamber Board meeting - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. @ Chamber office
- 7/18/20 - Craft/Vintage Market - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Wetherby Park, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 7/21/20 - Happy Hour Networking Event from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Details TBA.
- 7/24/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.
- 7/28/20 - Leads at Lightning Speed, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Middletown City Hall, Reservations req.

August 2020

- 8/7/20 - Middletown plays host to the Street Rods Convention - Details TBA.
- 8/7/20 - Car Show at the VFW - Details TBA.
- 8/13/20 - Chamber Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. held in Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street.
- 8/13/20 - City Meeting, Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd @ 6:00 p.m.
- 8/14/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.
- 8/20/20 - Chamber Board meeting - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. @ Chamber office
- 8/25/20 - Happy Hour Networking Event from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Details TBA.
- 8/28/20 - Senior Synergy Networking luncheon - 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Details TBA.

Takin' Care of Business at the Middletown Chamber of Commerce

By Warren P. Lesser, DBA, MBA President, Middletown Chamber of Commerce

At a few of our recent Middletown Chamber of Commerce lunch functions, we played an excerpt from the exhilarating 70's hit song by Bachman Turner Overdrive: *Takin' Care of Business*! Indeed, we believe that song title exemplifies our chamber mission, which is to provide *capital* resources to help local business owners, managers, and employees. *Capital*, however, means far more than just working capital, or cash.

The word, *capital*, according to *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*, has 15 definitions. Here are three *capital* meanings that are especially relevant to our chamber and local businesses: (a) most important or most serious, principal, chief; (b) first-rate, excellent; and (c) wealth, in any form, used or capable of being used to produce more wealth. In short, we want to be a first-rate, excellent chamber organization (the best in the city), which offers serious and diverse resources that can help our members *exponentially* amplify wealth – wealth constituted as knowledge, people, and profits (or surpluses)!

So, to simplify our chamber mission with a slogan and thinking about the richness of the word, *capital*, we have embraced the acronym, CAP (*cap.* is also the abbreviation for capital). C = Connect, A = Advocate, and P = Promote. That's it! Our CAP slogan exemplifies our goals at the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, which are to (a) help our members *connect* to each other (we have such

experienced, smart, chamber members!); (b) *advocate* for our members with local government officials (behind the scenes, we *do* go to bat for local proprietors/operators for justifiable causes); and (c) *promote* local going concerns (we help promote local enterprises through face-to-face and electronic word-of-mouth media, website promotions, and exaltations at our *many* events).

There is nothing, *nothing*, that warms our chamber hearts more than to see real people in local businesses grow, succeed, and overcome personal or professional obstacles! Folks, business is harder -- *alone*. We are only 5 years old but already about 500 clever members strong, now adding 10 to 20 new members each month. Come join us so that hand in hand, together, we will be *Takin' Care of Business*!

*And I'll be taking care of business
(every day)*

*Taking care of business (every
way)*

*I've been taking care of business
(it's all mine)*

*Taking care of business and
working overtime, work out Take
the 8:15 into the city*

*There's a whistle up above and
people pushin', people shovin'*

MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Freda Chapman, Executive Director

Middletown Chamber
of Commerce
502-245-0404

Executive Director, Freda Chapman

1- 5	Employees	\$150
6-10	Employees	\$175
11-20	Employees	\$200
21-50	Employees	\$250
51-100	Employees	\$300
Nonprofits & Churches		\$150
Individual members with no business affiliation (move to top)		\$125

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

PLEASE CHECK OUR
WEBSITE FOR EVENT
CANCELLATIONS DUE TO
COVID-19

STAY WELL & SAFE EVERYONE!

Hello Middletown

We are already in March!! Our chamber has numerous activities - lunches, breakfast meetings, leads at lightning speed, happy hour networking at some of our restaurants, ribbon cuttings, board meetings, senior synergy meetings, lunch & learns and so much more!! We keep our members engaged. Some of our upcoming events include:

- * Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th along with a Spring Fling from 10 am-4:00 pm for adults. We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt and bounce houses and the Easter Bunny for the kids – but be there by 1:00 sharp as the eggs go fast!
- * Annual Golf Tournament at Lake Forest Golf Course with our charity of focus: Critically Loved, who help parents with children diagnosed with life threatening conditions. Come out on May 11th and help support a good cause.
- * Chamber Bats Outing on June 18th – enjoy a great game and see what the chamber is all about.
- * Vintage Market/Craft Fair, July 18th – this is the second year and it should be bigger and better!
- * Louisville Street Rods – on August 7th we will have ladies here in the city shopping at our great shops and a car show that evening at the local VFW.
- * 5K Run on September 10th the day before the Middletown Festival begins.
- * Trick or Treat at the First Baptist Church parking lot on October 24th.
- * Light Up Middletown – December 4th this year. Lots of singing in the community center and arts and crafts at Celebration Hall – First Baptist Church.

Whew... you can see we are a hard-working chamber not only for our members but the community as well. Check out our calendar for more information.

We'd love to have you be a part of our family, contact us at 245-0404 or email us at freda@middletownchamberky.com We look forward to hearing from you.

Middletown Market

At

First Baptist Church

Celebration Hall 11711 Main Street

Middletown Market

First Baptist Church, 11711 Main Street

to your old washer/dryer or metal siding. Simply call the church office at 245-7889 to schedule. The "Metalers' motto is "Your junk is our bread and butter!"

No Middletown Market takes place during this quarter, so I'll give you some information on what is happening at the church.

On May 17th, First Baptist Church will honor the Middletown Police Department during our 10:45 Service. Join us to show your support for our great, new Police force!

Interested in getting out of debt? On May 31st, Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course begins. Please call 245-7889 for information and to register.

On June 14, First Baptist Church celebrates "Homecoming" as part of its 100th year anniversary program. We're inviting former church members, so please help us get the word out!

The Annual Auction takes place this year on July 11th, 6 pm, at Celebration Hall. Proceeds go to support "Broadway on Main" and all the other church-sponsored events during Festival.

On July 12th Vacation Bible School starts and runs through July 16th, 5:30 – 8:00. To register your child, ages 3 years to just completed 5th grade, call the church at 245-7889.

Finally, just a reminder: First Baptist has a "metals mission." A few of our big, strong and handsome men will come to your location to pick up metals ranging from bags of aluminum cans

Market hours are Friday, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The 2020 Market Middletown Market dates are as follows:

April 17 & 18-- Derby Edition with Fashion Show

September 11 & 12 -- Festival Edition

November 28 -- Holiday/Small Business Saturday Edition (Saturday only)

Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS 108 Urton Lane – Chief Andy Longstreet

As the old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." While we all might be eagerly awaiting the return of Spring and warm weather, we must be mindful of the dangers the change of season can bring.

Swollen streams and ditches can look like a lot of fun to unaware children. The reality is that fast moving water can carry away children, pets, and even adults very quickly. These areas should be closely monitored by parents and children should never be allowed to play in around moving water.

Adults should also be mindful of driving through flooded streets. It is not unusual for Middletown to experience rain events that cause rapid, short-term flooding. It only takes a couple of inches of water to move a vehicle off the roadway. This is especially dangerous at night when the

glare from your headlights may disguise the presence of water. Make note of where you see water during the day and be extra vigilant at night. If you have teenage drivers in your household, be sure they understand the dangers.

Spring brings cookouts and family gatherings. Be sure BBQ grills are away from the house and never dispose of hot/warm ashes in the garbage. Wait for them to completely cool overnight and soak them in water before disposal.

Also, when having guests over please be aware of parking on the street. Many of our neighborhood roads are wide, until there are cars parked on both sides of the street. These roads can quickly narrow to the point where a large Fire Apparatus may not be able to pass. Please keep streets open so our emergency vehicles can quickly gain access to those in need of help.

We look forward to seeing you out and about in the community. Our Responders love to show off their ambulances and fire apparatus to children. If you see us out at lunch or the grocery, feel free to say Hi and ask to see the trucks.



City of Middletown

2020 Summer Concert Series

**SUNDAY EVENINGS 5:30-7:30PM
WETHERBY PARK GAZEBO
11803 Old Shelbyville Rd**

***5/17/20 - Eastern High School Band**

Hite Elementary School Jam Band

Middletown Elementary School Choir

*** This date only: Rain location is Eastern HS Gymnasium
12400 Old Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY**

6/14/20 - Wulfe Bros.—Pop Rock Oldies

**7/12/20 - Louisville Police Pipes & Drums and
Kaintuck Bluegrass Band**

8/16/20 - Moondance—Classic Rock 60's, 70's & 80's

9/20/20 - Artie Dean Harris & Bourbontown - Country/Rock/Party

**Food provided by the City of Middletown, prepared by
Middletown Lions Club**

Please... NO PETS, NO ALCOHOL

CITY

CALENDAR 2020

MAY

- 14 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 17 Concert in the Park 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 25 City Hall Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

- 11 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 14 Concert in the Park 5:30-7:30 p.m.

JULY

- 3 City Hall Closed for Independence Day
- 9 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 12 Concert in the Park 5:30—7:30 p.m.

AUGUST

- 13 City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
- 16 Concert in the Park 5:30-7:30 p.m.



SAVE THE
DATES

PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL OR CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CANCELLATIONS

School News

Eastern High School

Spring is in the air and excitement continues with longer days, warmer weather and the return of spring sports and year-end performances by our musical and theatre groups. It is always a busy time of year and this year is no exception. State testing and Advance Placement testing also keep us busy.

Our long-awaited track project (planning, fundraising and construction) has allowed us to once again host track meets on campus including the regional for the year for the first time since 2013.

Please visit our campus for an event or two. For an up-to-date calendar, with our events:

www.easterneagles.org/calendar

Visit our website www.easterneagles.org or follow us on Twitter @easternhsmedia or @athleticsehs.

Please visit our calendar for complete list of available events: www.easterneagles.org/calendar or you can follow us on Twitter:

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AUCTION

The First Baptist Church invites you to the 20th Annual Festival and Missions Auction on Saturday, July 11, at 6 p.m. in Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street. You won't believe the wide assortment of treasures that surface every year! From gift baskets from local businesses to vintage and antique treasures out of Middletown's oldest homes, there is something for everyone. Food and beverages are complimentary and home-made desserts can be purchased. There are door prizes and an instant-purchase area called "Buy It Now." Two rounds of a silent auction are held before the live auction at 8 p.m. There is no cost for admission or to bid. All sales are cash or check only.

Proceeds from the auction support the church's activities during the Middletown Festival and church mission projects around the world. There are two ways you can help:

- ♦ To donate items for the auction, contact the church office at 245-7889 or email [jacobban@fbcmtown.org](mailto:jcobban@fbcmtown.org). We can arrange pickup. Professional services like dental cleanings, manicures and pedicures, and attorney/tax services are always popular. We are always on the lookout for vintage and one-of-a-kind items you've been holding onto and are now ready to let go for a good cause.
- ♦ Attend the auction! No reservations needed. Just come ready for a good time. And as we say, "Bid high and bid often!"

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Cobban, pastor, at [jacobban@fbcmtown.org](mailto:jcobban@fbcmtown.org).

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically send a request to:
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**Grateful to Middletown Police Department?
Want to give back?**

A MORE LASTING SHOW OF APPRECIATION

Instead of showing your appreciation with food, perhaps donate that money to the Middletown Police Department through the Louisville Metro Police Foundation and it's tax deductible. Any amount helps us fund much needed equipment and training. That means safer working conditions for our officers, safer residents, safer businesses.

Check-

A tax deductible check may be written out to Louisville Metro Police Foundation, **in the memo line write Middletown Police Department**. Then mail it to: Middletown Police Department P.O. Box 43819
Middletown, KY 40253